Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   Canceled.

2.   Canceled.

3.   Canceled.

4.   Canceled.

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8.   Canceled.

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10.   Canceled.

11.   Canceled.

12.   Canceled.

13.   Canceled.

14.   Canceled.

15.   Canceled.

16. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of:~~

A method to transfer information between data storage devices, comprising the steps of:

providing an information storage assembly comprising a frame, a memory

device disposed on said frame, information written to said memory device, a power supply removeably attached to said frame, and a first data storage device comprising a first identity removeably attached to said frame;

writing first configuration information from said first data storage device to said memory device;

detecting an error in said first data storage device;

removing said first data storage device from said frame;

providing a replacement data storage device;

removeably attaching said replacement data storage device to said frame;

determining if said replacement data storage device utilizes said first configuration information;

operative if said replacement data storage device uses said first configuration information, providing said first configuration information to said replacement data storage device from said memory device;

writing second configuration information to said memory device;

determining if said replacement data storage device uses said second configuration information;

operative if said replacement data storage device uses said second configuration information, providing said second configuration information to said replacement data storage device;

writing third configuration information to said memory device;

determining if said replacement data storage device uses said third configuration

information;

operative if said replacement data storage device uses said third configuration information, providing said third configuration information to said replacement data storage device;

operative if said replacement data storage devices does not utilize said first configuration information or said second configuration information or said third configuration information, writing configuration information from said replacement data storage device to said memory disposed in Applicants' information storage assembly.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

determining if an identifier is to be assigned to said replacement data storage device;

operative if an identifier is to be assigned to said replacement data storage device:

providing an identifier; and

assigning said identifier to said replacement data storage device.

18. Canceled.

19. Canceled.

20. Canceled.

21. Canceled.

22. Canceled.

23. (currently amended) ~~The article of manufacture of claim 22, said computer readable program code further comprising a series of computer readable program steps to effect:~~

An article of manufacture comprising a computer useable medium having computer

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readable program code disposed therein to transfer information from a first data storage device to a replacement data storage device, wherein said first data storage device is removeably disposed in an information storage assembly comprising a frame, a memory device disposed on said frame, information written to said memory device, a power supply removeably attached to said frame, the computer readable program code comprising a series of computer readable program steps to effect:

writing first configuration information from said first data storage device to said memory device;

determining if said replacement data storage device utilizes said first configuration information;

operative if said replacement data storage device uses said first configuration information, providing said first configuration information to said replacement data storage device from said memory device after said first data storage device has been removed and said replacement data storage device removeably attached to said frame;

writing second configuration information to said memory device;

determining if said replacement data storage device uses said second configuration information;

operative if said replacement data storage device uses said second configuration information, providing said second configuration information to said replacement data storage device;

writing third configuration information to said memory device;

determining if said replacement data storage device uses said third configuration

information;

operative if said replacement data storage device uses said third configuration information, providing said third configuration information to said replacement data storage device;

operative if said replacement data storage devices does not utilize said first configuration information or said second configuration information or said third configuration information, writing configuration information from said replacement data storage device to said memory disposed in Applicants' information storage assembly.

24. (currently amended) ~~The article of manufacture of claim 18, said computer readable program code further comprising a series of computer readable program steps to effect:~~

An article of manufacture comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable program code disposed therein to transfer information from a first data storage device to a replacement data storage device, wherein said first data storage device is removeably disposed in an information storage assembly comprising a frame, a memory device disposed on said frame, information written to said memory device, a power supply removeably attached to said frame, the computer readable program code comprising a series of computer readable program steps to effect:

writing first configuration information from said first data storage device to said memory device;

determining if said replacement data storage device utilizes said first configuration information;

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operative if said replacement data storage device uses said first configuration

information, providing said first configuration information to said replacement data storage

device from said memory device after said first data storage device has been removed and said

replacement data storage device removeably attached to said frame;

determining if an identifier is to be assigned to said replacement data storage device;

operative if an identifier is to be assigned to said replacement data storage device:

providing an identifier; and

assigning said identifier to said replacement data storage device.

25.   Canceled.

26.   Canceled.

27.   Canceled.

28.   Canceled.

29.   Canceled.

30. (currently amended) ~~The computer program product of claim 29, further~~

~~comprising~~

A computer program product usable with a programmable computer processor

having computer readable program code embodied therein method to transfer information from

a first data storage device to a replacement data storage device, wherein said first data storage

device is removeably disposed in an information storage assembly comprising a frame, a

memory device disposed on said frame, information written to said memory device, a power

supply removeably attached to said frame, comprising:

computer readable program code which causes said programmable computer processor

to write first configuration information from said first data storage device to said memory device;

computer readable program code which causes said programmable computer processor to detect an error in said first data storage device;

computer readable program code which causes said programmable computer processor to provide said first configuration information to a replacement data storage device from said memory device after said first data storage device has been removed and said replacement data storage device removeably attached to said frame

computer readable program code which causes said programmable computer processor to determine if said replacement data storage device uses said second configuration information;

computer readable program code which, if said replacement data storage device uses said second configuration information, causes said programmable computer processor to provide said second configuration information to said replacement data storage device

computer readable program code which causes said programmable computer processor to determine if said replacement data storage device uses said third configuration information;

computer readable program code which, if said replacement data storage device uses said third configuration information, causes said programmable computer processor to provide said third configuration information to said replacement data storage device;

computer readable program code which, if said replacement data storage devices does not utilize said first configuration information or said second configuration information or said third configuration information, causes said programmable computer processor to write

configuration information from said replacement data storage device to said memory disposed

in Applicants' information storage assembly.

31. (currently amended) ~~The computer program product of claim 25, further~~

~~comprising:~~

A computer program product usable with a programmable computer processor having

computer readable program code embodied therein method to transfer information from a first

data storage device to a replacement data storage device, wherein said first data storage device

is removeably disposed in an information storage assembly comprising a frame, a memory

device disposed on said frame, information written to said memory device, a power supply

removeably attached to said frame, comprising:

computer readable program code which causes said programmable computer processor

to write first configuration information from said first data storage device to said memory

device;

computer readable program code which causes said programmable computer processor

to detect an error in said first data storage device;

computer readable program code which causes said programmable computer processor

to provide said first configuration information to a replacement data storage device from said

memory device after said first data storage device has been removed and said replacement data

storage device removeably attached to said frame

computer readable program code which causes said programmable computer processor

to determine if an identifier is to be assigned to said replacement data storage device;

computer readable program code which, if an identifier is to be assigned to said

replacement data storage device, causes said programmable computer processor to assign an

identifier to said replacement data storage device.